GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1692
ANSWERED ON:12.12.2003
SALE OF UNDER WEIGHT ARTICLES
SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI;SUNDER LAL TIWARI

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that it has become a common practice for companies to sell articles of lesser weights than the ones printed on them;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken thereon by the Government; and

(c) the extent of success thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SRINIVASA PRASAD)

(a): Yes, Sir. A newspaper article in the Tribune published under title "Underweight ghee" was brought to the notice of the Department.

(b): The enforcement agencies in the States have been requested to conduct intensive inspections, among other things, for checking of short filling in packages and under weighing, throughout the country, as a special drive. The penal provisions available under the Weights and Measures Acts were also brought to their notice.

(c): 432 cases have been booked for short measurement across the country. Enforcement agency in Rajasthan has reported that no subsequent case of repeat offence has been observed.